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Amphibious Training Activity, East Sea
Fleet, PRC (S)
Imagery Analysis Report
Dated October 1979

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AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING ACTIVITY, EAST SEA FLEET, PRC (S)

1. (S/WNINTEL) [redacted] amphibious-related training activity was observed northwest of Zhoushan (Chou-shan) Island in the People's Republic of China (PRC; Figure 1). This training activity probably began in early September¹ and involved a major portion of the East Sea Fleet's (ESF) amphibious assault landing ships.

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2. (S/WNINTEL) Nine amphibious-related ships were involved. Four EX-US tank landing ships (LST)-1 were 11 nautical miles (nm) northwest of Zhoushan Island and were changing course to the northwest (Figure 2A). Four EX-US medium landing ships (LSM)-1 were heading north after having passed between Zhoushan and Changbai (Chang-pai) Islands with a fifth LSM 2 nm west of the others and on the same course (Figure 2B).

3. (S/WNINTEL) Three additional ESF amphibious assault landing ships (three LSTs including the one operational Yukon-class LST) were observed in port at Shanghai on 12 September. The ships included in the activity and the vessels in port account for 12 of the 14 amphibious assault ships carried in the ESF order-of-battle.

4. (S/WNINTEL) The exact nature of the training activity could not be determined, and no amphibious operations area was identified on imagery.

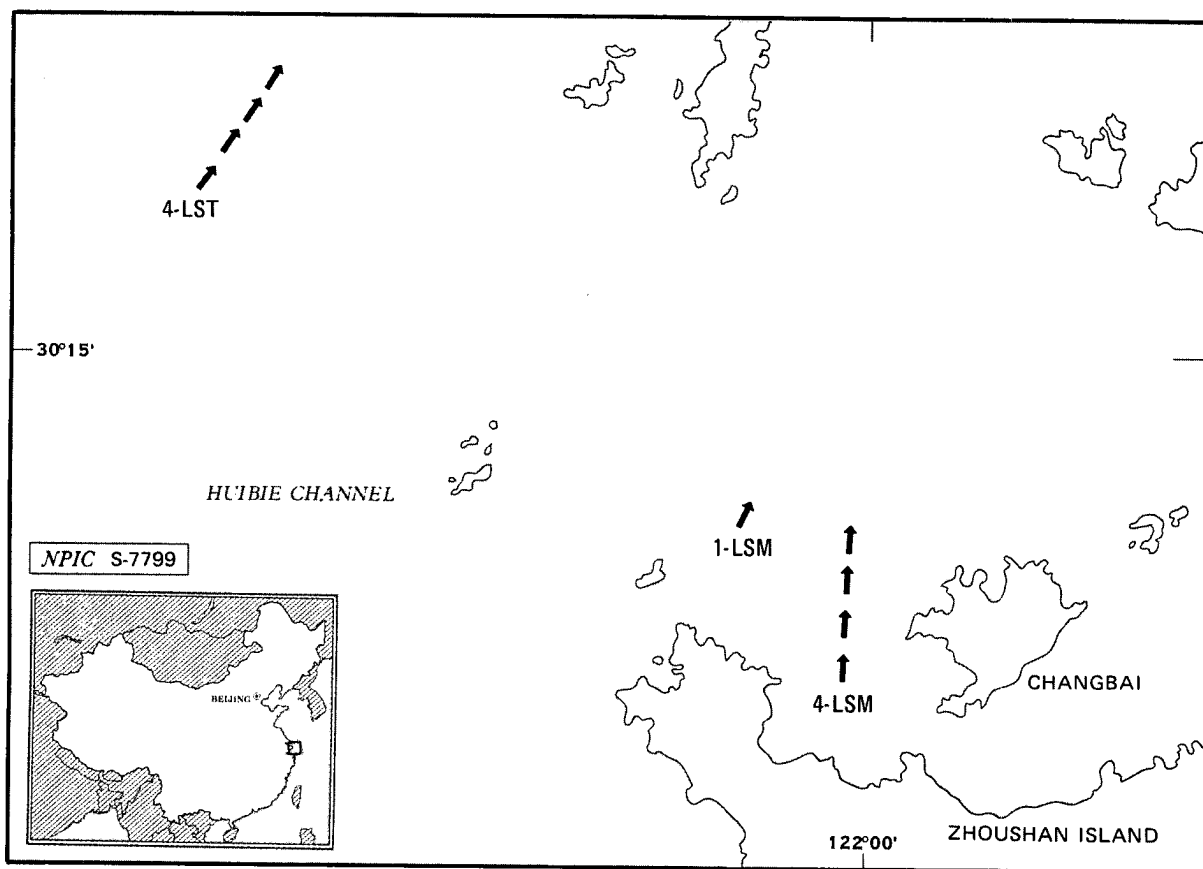


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING ACTIVITY, EAST SEA FLEET, PRC [redacted]

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